

biochemistry, genetics and physiology to support the various body systems and their functions. Various nutrients are needed for various biochemical pathways and optimal physiological functioning. Application of water, cold or heat may stimulate circulation or encourage elimination.

Application of these six principles moves patients toward wellness and a healthier lifestyle. Naturopathic medicine combines basic sciences, clinical sciences, and natural therapeutics to diagnose, treat and monitor a patient's health and wellbeing.

In summary, the six guiding principles of naturopathic medicine are:

- (1) The Healing Power of Nature - Trust in the body's inherent wisdom to heal itself.
- (2) First Do No Harm - Utilize the most natural, least invasive and least toxic therapies first.
- (3) Treat the Whole Person - View the body as an integrated whole in all its physical and spiritual dimensions.
- (4) Identify and Treat the Causes - Look beyond the symptoms to effectively address the underlying cause(s) of illness.
- (5) Doctor As Teacher - Educate patients in the steps to achieving and maintaining optimal health.
- (6) Prevention - Focus on promoting health and wellness, and preventing disease.

- **Will licensing requirements cover all practicing members of the occupation or profession? If any practitioners will be exempt, what is the rationale for the exemption?**

All practicing naturopathic physicians must be able to meet licensing requirements. There are no exemptions in the proposed legislation.